

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend numbered paragraph 0001, on page 1, as follows:

Cross Reference to Related Application

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/759,683, now U.S. Patent Number 6,644,448, entitled "Soft-Sided Carrying Case" and filed January 12, 2001, which ~~[[is]]~~ was a non-provisional application claiming priority from Provisional Application Serial Number 60/227,214, filed August 23, 2000.

Please amend numbered paragraphs 0039 as follows:

[0039] In the embodiment of Figures 1 through 3, it will be noted that the sidewall 14a of the first upper compartment 14 is generally contiguous with the sidewall 12a of the lower compartment (i.e., the sidewall 14a of the first upper compartment 14 is an extension of the sidewall 12a of the lower compartment, thus forming an extended portion of the lower compartment). Similarly, the sidewall 16a of the second upper compartment 16 is contiguous with or is an extension of the sidewall 12c of the lower compartment 12, thus forming an extended portion of the lower compartment.